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M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.

Dated 16th July, 1941.

CC.2/41-42.
: One.

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am sending herewith the report No. CC.34/40-41 dated the 12th instant, about the workers of the Binny Mills who are reported to have decided to approach the Manager of the Mills and question him as to why the Management have postponed the payment of the Bonus which is due to them this month, etc., received from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Form No. 24]

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received.....*Registered*.....

From (Name) M. WYNNE, ESQUIRE.,

(Designation) Superintendent of Police,

Post Box....., (STATION) ~~Bangalore City.~~

Telegraphic Address.....

SECRET.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

Bangalore District, Bangalore.

C. No. 34/W.W.2 *dated* July 12, *194*1.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.....

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I have the honour to state that it is reported that the workers of the Binny Mills are reported to have decided to approach the Manager of the Mills and question him as to why the Management have postponed the payment of the Bonus which is due to them this mont It appears that the Welfare Committee Meeting ought to have been called for on the 14th instant when the Bonus announcement will have to be made. Now, the Management have postponed the date of the Welfare Committee Meetin to the 21st instant. Developments in this directions are being watched.

On the evening of 11th instant a meeting of the labourers was suddenly called for near the Magadi Road Maidan. Mr.K.T.Bashyam presided, and about 500 laboure had gathered.

Mr.Bashyam in the course of his speech stated that the Government are trying to encourage unions that are formed inside the Mills and that they are trying to - cut down the strength of the outside Union. He asked the labourers not to give encouragement to Independent Unions. He asked them to demand the withdrawal of the

cases against seven persons who ~~xx~~ were convicted and have appealed against their convictions, the cancellation of - externment orders on Linga, Kumaran, Shankar and others. He reminded the Minerva & Mysore Mills workers not to forget the Labour Union when they receive their Bonus this day. He announced that a big meeting of the labourers of all Factories & Mills in the City will be held on the 20th instant and to attend ~~xx~~ the same.

Mr.N.C.Thimma Reddy the next speaker stated that the Government are under the impression that the Congress are inciting the labourers. The Congress does stand for the cause ~~fx~~ of the poor and the Government do stand by the side of the rich. The Dewan who draws a salary of Rs.5,000 will naturally side the rich and not the poor. If the Congress are given the Ministery they will not only accept the poor salary but also work for the benefit of the poorer classes. He quoted Russia where the Government is alleged to be in the hands of the poor people. Dealing with the present War he stated that in case Germany Wins the War against Russia, Britain will have to suffer a set-back. He then expressed that a time will come for the labour class to get the upper hand in the Administration of the Country.

The meeting commenced at about 5-15 p.m. and terminated at about 6-15 p.m.

The situation at the Mysore Hosieries remains the same.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
BANGALORE CITY.

Mr. M. Seshadri, M. A., DE...
Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.
Camp - Channapatna,
Dated 7th October 1941.

App. F. III-2

D. O. C.C. 1/41-42
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9. OCT. 1941
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
No 35043

OCT 9 1941
No 3432

C.S. 12-41-68

Subd
Law minister & Dewan
8/10/41

Dear Mr. Kesaviengar,

Congress Activity - Gandhi Jayanthi.

I am sending herewith for favour of perusal, copies of reports No.C. C. 1-48/41-42 dated 5-10-41 and 6-10-41 respectively received from the City Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, on the above subject.

Mr Shivana Reddy's speech
verge on the seditious. Is it
not liable to warn him
action also from His friends
utterances were also very
bad

Yours sincerely,

J M Devadoss

CHIEF SECRETARY
14 OCT. 1941
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
OCT 14 1941
No 3647

13/10/41 The Law Secy and then action taken as indicated in Dewan's minute.

Law minister)
14.10

Law Secy)
The draft may be approved & sent

Chief Secy Mc.)
17/10/41.

CHIEF SECRETARY
17 OCT. 1941
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Law minister)
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Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

Dated 27th Octr. 1941.

D. O. C. C. 1/41-42

DEWAN'S OFFICE
28 OCT. 1941
NO 3554

CS 12-41-70

CB. MS 28/10/41

Dear Mr. Kesaviengar,

With reference to correspondence ending with your D.O. letter No. 1501/C.B. dated the 22nd instant, I write to say that I had sent for Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy to-day and gave him a warning against making speeches of the kind referred to.

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Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

E. Submit for perusal with reference to the Dewan's minute of 12th Oct.
28/10/41

28 OCT. 1941
GOVT. OF MYSORE

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, KOLAR DT.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
18 MAR. 1942
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Date 14th/15th March 1942.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for information of Government, a copy of the Report of proceedings of the Congress meeting held in Doddapet, Kolar on 10-3-1942, received from the District Superintendent of Police, Kolar, under cover of his No.S.B.118/41-42, dated 14th March 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Narasimhan
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, KOLAR DT.

Sella for perusal
Law Secy
The Regist of Mys Thimma Reddy is to visit & advise the Govt to prosecute him, as stated by him previously.
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Ste may, I think, be warned by the DC
Mm 21/3/42

Draft yr D.O. letter to D.C. Kolar
is submitted. Mr N.C. Thimma Reddy has once before been warned
by the Dist Magte. Bangalore for his objectionable op
24/3/42 (vide flags K & P in CS. file 12-41-69 & 70)
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CHIEF SECRETARY
24. MAR. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE

No. 3187/CS 12-41-118-925-3-42

To the D.C. Kolar.

States that Mr N.C. Thimma Reddy may be warned not to indulge in similar speeches in future.

Report of proceedings of the Congress meeting held in Doddapet, Kolar on 10th March 1942.

NOTE:- The first meeting at Kelaginapet to be held at 6-30 P.M. as announced through hand-bills did not take place for want of response in the locality.

The second meeting scheduled to be held at 9.15 P.M. actually began at about 10 P.M. and came to a close by about 12 P.M.

Messrs. N.C.Thimma Reddy and C.K.Balakrishnan of Chickballapur (a candidate for the elections to the Legislative Council) and Mrs. Annapurna Devi spoke on the occasion, Mr.T.Ramachar presiding.

The speeches were fairly impressive and the audienc numbered about 200.

Mr.T.Ramachar, president for the occasion, spoke to the following effect, in his preliminary address.-

Gentlemen, you all know through hand bills the obje of the meeting here. It is in connection with the ensu ing elections for Legislative Council. Only the other day you have listened to lectures of Messrs. K.Chengala-raya Reddy, K.Pattabhiraman and others. And to-day we are fortunate in having in our midst Mrs. Annapurna Devi whom many of you may not know. I, therefore, think it my duty to introduce her to you. You are all aware of the birth of the Mysore State Congress 4 or 5 years ago. Just at the inception of the organisation Messrs. K.T. -Bhashyam and N.C.Thimma Reddy were arrested and convicted for sedition. They suffered imprisonment. At that time, this valiant lady (ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ) toured throughout the District and spread the message of Congress. She is one of the foremost leading women in Mysore State. You will all hear her inspiring address now. I do not say anything about Mr. N.C.Thimma Reddy, for you all know him. Now, you have got to consider what your duty is on the 21st instant, during the ensuing elections. ~~Your duty~~ The speakers of the day will tell you in detail as to why you have to give your unfailing support to the Congress. It is already about 10 P.M. I do not wish to waste the time. Mr.N.C.Thimma Reddy will speak to you now, and them Mrs. Annapurna Devi. You will kindly

kindly listen to them patiently.

MR. N.C. THIMMA REDDY next spoke to the following effect.-

Brothers and sisters, to-day if we were to listen to the Radio news, a simile strikes to my memory. Rangoon is in a very critical position now. I heard the news that Rangoon has fallen. I do not know how far it is true. But the B.B.C. broadcast the news, I understand. We have been the "forsaken children" now. This is the anecdote that occurs to my mind. There was a village by name Banoothi. There was a Deity for the village, by name Maramma. It was the regime of Chitragupta. Sultan invaded the territory. The whole people in one voice prayed Goddess Maramma for the protection of the kingdom. The Goddess said: " Do not bother, my children, there is no danger to our kingdom". The Sultan's army raided villages one by one on the way and finally captured the Fort. The Goddess who was all along saying: "There was no danger, do not bother" cried out: " I have forsaken you, my children!"( ). That is our country's position now. The Britishers did not give us power to defend ourselves and strength to oppose Japan. Nor did they maintain sufficient force and undertake to defend our country. As the Australian Prime Minister in the commencement of the Pacific War, remarked: "You say: 'Final Victory is ours' but our life is in great danger". I assure you I am not giving you the exaggerated version of facts. Calcutta is completely evacuated. Madras has almost completed evacuation. Every thing to-day is uncertain. We cannot be sure of any trade, any profession. We cannot definitely say what is going to happen to-morrow. We in Mysore used to import once crore of rupee worth of rice. If we do not get the supply of rice from other parts what will be the difficulty that we experience. We shall not be able to live if we have no rice. If, for one

one day business or trade comes to a stand still we know what disturbance it creates in the commercial world. We will consider the situation in greater detail. In Bombay an order was passed to enforce people to store food - sufficient for one week at least. You know, in Bombay, it is the fashion of modern young families, all the families for that matter, to fetch necessary things day to day. The meaning of that Order is this. If by *any* chance business were to stop, trade were to come to a stad still due to war conditions, be prepared to face the situation. The one effect of this war is pestilence (ever). Take for example, the cloth trade. In Bombay Madras and other industrial centres, normal work is not prevailing. The stocks are being hoarded. The merchants do not know where to send them or how to dispose them of. This dire want of the necessaries of life is far more dangerous than War itself. We have got to face the - situation boldly and carry on our businesses and professions as usual without any panic. We need not despair. There is no need for losing heart. Please do not for a moment feel that I am saying it very harshly and bluntly. I ask you now, have you considered how you have to protect your town from hostile attacks?

Times are changing with great rapidity. We have got to adjust ourselves to the ever-changing circumstances. Why I say all these facts is this. Under ordinary circumstances Government will be able to protect the people. But when the people are not sufficiently prepared to defend themselves and when the Government is not responsible to the people, it will not be possible for Government to give adequate protection to the people, in critical times.

People have lost faith in whatever the Government state now. Perhaps that is because of the British Governments statement in the face of great disappointments even that final victory is theirs. Ever since the fall

or France, the British Government have been declaring that Singapore, Malay, Rangoon etc., would be defended to the last. Yet they are falling. And still they say that Final Victory is theirs.

Some Military men are camping about 4 miles from Kolar. A time has come now when we are afraid of the very Military men who are meant for defending our country. Where is safety? Where is defence. The Military is there to defend our country, to maintain Law and Order. But in them, there is no spirit of service at all. He (a paid soldier) has no responsibility. What he wants is his pay. If we were to be afraid of our own Army, our own military men, what is the use of such an army. We have no faith in those armies. Soldiers and Sepoys employed by the British Government are not useful to us. Some how that idea is gaining grounds in the minds of the people. What have we got to do in these circumstances? You may feel that this is an exaggerated - representation of facts, just because I am a Congressman. But remember it is the Congress that enthuses the people to work. It is the Congress that will be listened to with patience and confidence by the public. Some how the people have lost faith in the version that the Government gives. Whatever the Congress says will be generally believed. And whatever the Government says will be viewed with suspicion. Government is - responsible for such a state of affairs. What the Government has been doing is digging slit trenches etc. I always remember the installation of thes hearths on a big scale. If bomb were to fall at a distance of 40 feet, if the pieces were to scatter at a particular angle, you are safe in the trenches. Otherwise they would not help you. And there is no protection against direct hit. Even the Creator (ಭಗವಂತ) cannot save you from direct hits. There is no confidence, there is no faith for the people in the present Government. This

This I say without any hesitation. Confidence, faith in the present Government is gone. I, therefore, request the members of the present Government to resign from their seats and hand over the administration to popular leaders. With all the wealth, power and Military Force, why did the Government fail to infuse confidence among the people. If anything untoward happens, certainly Government are responsible. But people also must develope a sense of responsibility. If the Government forsakes the people at the critical hour, people themselves must be able to protect ~~ourselves~~ the Country. The hand of the administration is not long. It can give only 5% protection to the people. And the remaining 95% is the concern of the people themselves. You will all, therefore, consider the measures to be adopted now. Defence Committees must be started for every village, town or taluk. One young man from every house must come forward for service. Let us help ourselves. Let every young man take physical exercise, improve himself and be in a position to defend his home. One thousand or 1,500 youths must be ready for service and any action at the call of a whistle. If there is one Defence Committee for every village town or Taluk, we can at least defend ourselve We must be able to carry on our usual trade and professions normally. After doing this much, ~~@~~ after preparing for Defence to that extent, we may leave the rest to God. You may ask me why I am talking of War at a meeting held purely in connection with the Elections. But I ask: Who wanted these elections. The previous Returning Officer rejected unjustly certain nomination papers; but later on it was decided that the action of the Officer was wrong. Hence this bye-election. It will come and go.

We are speaking all the above facts with responsibili We should not give room to despair in the country. We must win power and defend ourselves. Wealth, I tell the merchant classes, may cause danger to us. Money certainly cannot save us. Power in the country in the hands of popular leaders

leaders alone can save our country. If only some substantial protection was available, it (the country) could have been saved. Now the merchants must come forward with donations. Messrs. Mandi Narianna, Pamidi Subbarayа Setty, C.V.Srinivasa Setty and other leading people had come to discuss these measures in a meeting under the auspices of the Congress. We have got to develope unanimity and try to defend ourselves at whatever cost. To-day, if you feel that you have got Swaraj, you have it. Move on with the spirit that Swaraj has already come into your hands, it will surely come. If we are doing 95% of the Government Work, please consider, whose the Government is.

As I told you already, we are afraid of the very Military that is meant for our defence. They come as gentlemen in a lorry, snatch away the fruits from a fruit seller without paying him in turn; they carry away the sheep from the owners who is taking them to Bangalore for sale. Poor people; the villagers will not be in a position to make noise about it at all.

Indians have a reputation for bravery. Why fear for a very remote contingency of a bomb fall and flee away in confusion? If we are destined to die, let us die in our own places. What guarantee is there that bomb would not fall in the place to which you run. That is what Mr. "C.R." (C.Rajagopalachari) is saying repeatedly. If, thinking that the military is stationed at Bangalore, you come to Kolar, some military men have come to Kolar. If you run away to some Taluk headquarters, some camps (Military) will be started nearby. Some Air Station may be constructed near the place. There is no use in running amock. We have got to protect ourselves. We are born in Abhimanyu's dynasty. Let us die as Abhimanyu, a hero, if at all we have got to, rather than live like a worm. We are sure to die one day or other. If time comes nearer, we die. Why should we

fear death? When Government strength is declining people must take power into their hands. As the people begin to rise in influence, the influence of the Government must fade awey.

Another problem that is worrying the British - Government is as to whom the power of administration should be transferred. We say that aurhority should be transferred into the hands of those whose words people respect, who can speak with responsibility on behalf of the people, who can enthuse the people to come and defend the country. Who can do all these? It is the Congress. It is the Congress that can advise and help the people in this hour of crisis. Government cannot do it. We have got to establish committees. We must be on the alert. If you shut your eyes to the difficulties ahead, they would not stop. There is no use in thinking in terms of despai about the fall of Rangoon. We have got to understand the Truth. Understand the circumstances clearly and think of the remedy; Consider how best you can face the situation. This the Congress can do, educate the people. Therefore you have got to support the Congres and strengthen its hands. Then alone there will be happiness in the country. We are not asking you for wealth. We are only asking for your sympathy and support. We are giving instructions for your protection. The public must be prepared and make proper - arrangements according to our instructions. Congress is the real heir ( ) to the Government. Government has become old ( ). It is only the Congress that succeeds it. When the strengt of the Government is steadily declining, they must realise it and do the needful at once.

Sir Stafford Cripps -

Sir Stafford Cripps, was once called Revolutionary, agitator etc; he paid a visit to India some time back, stayed with Mr.Jawaherlal Nehru for 4 or 5 days. He went to Russia and succeeded in his mission of developing friendship between England and Russia. Such a so-called agitator, is now the leader of the House of Commons, the right hand man of Churchill, the Prime Minister of England.

De Valera, who was undergoing severe jail life, was ordered to be executed within 24 hours. But fortunately for him, he had attained American citizenship through his mother and a message from America that he should not be beheaded for unjust reason and without trial as he is an American citizen, prevented the British Government from executing its own orders. And to-day he is the leader of Ireland. The English were non-plussed (

We cannot be sure of the turn politics takes. A person against whom sentence of 4 or 5 years of imprisonment has been passed may be released from Jail to-morrow. Whom they call Seditious to-day, may be invited to-morrow to form - ministry and may be requested to carry on the administration. But you have got consider who, if the authority is transferred to-morrow, is prepared and is capable of taking it over. It is the Congress. Congress is always - day and night - - thinking of the welfare of the country, protection of the people etc. If an English lady is molested, the whole British Empire rises its voice against such behaviour. That is the prestige of the British Empire. And the Madras Mail makes bold to 'advise' Indians to help the British, because the Japanese, if they were to come to India, would outrage the modesty of Indian womenfolk. An Anglo-Indian newspaper need not teach us our sense of duty. The whole nation will be behind the womenfolk of the country; it will protect at all costs the modesty of the womenfolk. If the British Empire cannot defend the country from the aggression of Japan, let it transfer administration to us; we, 400 million strong, will

defend -

will defend our country. We are prepared to undergo any amounts of troubles and sufferings. We care more for our self-respect than anything else. We are prepared to sacrifice all our wealth and other things for the sake of guarding our self-respect. We must have power in our hands. It is not only the Congress that is saying this.

Madras Mayor, only the other day, sent out a cry for the supply of a rifle to each family that has been bold enough to remain in the City of Madras, with a view to safeguard their interests against rowdies and in the event of hotile attacks.

Sir K.V.Reddy, Vice-chancellor of Andhra University has sent an appeal for the supply of guns, bombs, machine guns etc., and is questioning the British Empire in the following terms: You were telling us that India would be defended under whatever circumstances; that the entire responsibility for the defence would be yours. There is no meaning in now, at this critical hour, leaving the defence of the country entirely into the hands of the people.

But as Mr."C.R." has expressed, Congress is not the enemy of British Empire. If it is to-day fighting for the Freedom of the country, it will fight equally, if not more vigorously, against Japan. But those who have won titles, favours of British Empire are not so. They are the friends of Government, whichever the Govt. is.

What is Mr. Churchill saying to-day. He is putting forth clarion call for the people of Great Britain to defend their freedom at any cost. Nothing more or nothing less is being said by the Congress here to the people of India: "Win your Freedom at any cost and defend it" With what patriotism, sense of duty, sense of self-respect

respect Mr.Churchill is speaking to the people of England, the Congress is addressing the people of India with the same spirit. What steps they have taken to defend their country, to protect the people, we in our country will take, to protect the honour and self-respect of our people.

You will all kindly excuse me, if the terms I have used in some places are harsh. Congress speaks with some concern in the serious nature of the situation. Congress is trying to face the one problem before the country, how to protect the country in the event of hostile attack and how to defend our country against aggression.

We have no alternative to being harsh in some expressions, if only for the sake of the happiness of the country, if only in the interests of the country.

I hope you will all excuse me.

MRS. ANNAPURNA DEVI, inaugurating her speech with a song - " ಕಚ್ಚಿರಕಂಠಿಲ ಪಿಚ್ಚಲ ಎಲ್ಲ " - spoke to the following effect. -

Gentlemen, Times are undergoing cataclysmic changes. We do not know what to-morrow brings us. Nothing is certain. If we are reading the newspapers, we will be shocked to know the number of countries, important places that are falling. We will be faced with the serious problem as to how best we can defend our country. The mind of the British Government is changing gradually. Freedom to India is sure to come. As Mr.C.Rajagopalachari said in one of his recent speeches: the sun is rising; it is sending its beautiful rays. The Deity of Freedom (ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದೇವಿ) is coming to our doors of her our accord. Do not be sleeping at the opportune time. Arise Awake"

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The one problem that is uppermost in our minds to-day is: how to protect our people, how to defend our country against foreign aggression, and what measures have we got to adopt. There may be scarci of food stuff and clothes. We have got to provide for those things.

(Here the speaker expatiated on how Charaka wil be of great service to the country and how it will solve the problem of clothes) and appealed to the women of the country to take to Charaka for at least one hour a day and see that clothes necessary for the family are prepared in the house alone)

The speaker referred to the Civil Defence Committees proposed to be started by the Congress and explained how every village, Town or taluk shoul be self-sufficient.

Finally she appealed to the audience to give support to the Congress candidates that have contested elections for the Legislative Council and wished that women should take oaths from their male members with power of voting that they should never vote to any body other than a congress candidate.

NEXT MR.C. K. BALAKRISHNAN of Chickballapur, in his short speech in the end, explained in detail the symbols given to the Congress candidates and those given to the independent candidates and remarked that with a view to deceive the public, the independents were given symbols like Charaka which rightly belonged to Congress. He also denounced the attitude of the independent candidates in opposing the Congress candidates, even at this critical juncture and knowing fully well that the Congress would surely win, particularly attacking Mr. Girimaji Rao for speaking ill, meanly of the

meanly of the very Congress Organisation under ~~SHOW~~ whose banner he came to lime-light and through whose influence he attained the position and status he now enjoys. Mr.L.Vema Reddy was nearly 70 years old. What could any body expect from his remaining in the Legislative Council?

The speaker appealed to the audience to give all the three valuable votes in favour of Congress candidates.

After a Vote of Thanks by Mr.T.Ramachar, the meeting came to a close with the singing of ~ Vandomatharam Song by Mrs. Annapurna Devi.

Sd/ M.G. Bheemachar
Stenographer,
District Police Office,
KOLAR.

14th March 1942.

No.S.B. No. 118/ Office of the Superintendent of Police, Kolar District, KOLAR, dated the 14th March 1942.

1. Copy of the above is submitted, in duplicate, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, Kolar, for favour of information.

2. Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of information.

Superintendent of Police, 14/3
KOLAR DISTRICT.
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C-41-66

My dear Seshadri,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.C.C.2 dated the 13th July 1941 enclosing a report received from the Supdt. of Police, Bangalore City, regarding the affairs of the Binny Mills, I am desired to invite your attention to the speech delivered by Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy stating that in case Germany wins the war against Russia, Britain will have to suffer a set back and expressing the opinion that a tim will come for the labour classes to get the upper hand in the administration of the country.

I am to request you to kindly ~~inform~~ Sta- ~~further~~ Some action Govt. if ~~any action~~ is called for on these remarks.

Yours sincerely,

MS
21.7.41

M.Seshadri Esq., M.A.,
Dist. Magistrate, Bangalore.

No. 301/CB

22nd July/41

Dear Mr. Seshadri,

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I am to request you to kindly state if some action is not called for on these remarks.

Y.S.

M. Seshadri, Esqr., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

C.S. 12-41-67 328 CB

T. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
AUG 2 1941
No 127

Dated 31st July, 194 1.

D. O. CC. 2/41-42.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
1 AUG 1941
NO 962

Subd
Law minister
Dewan
1.8.41

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 301/C.B. dated the 22nd instant, asking me if some action was not called for in respect of the remarks reported to have been made by Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy in his speech delivered by him on the 11th instant, I write to say that the Police report gives only the gist of the speeches delivered at this meeting. The City Superintendent of Police tells me that no verbatim report of the speeches of Mr. Thimma Reddy or the others has been taken down. In the absence of a verbatim report, it is impossible to say whether the Police report represents correctly the statements alleged to have been made by him. In these circumstances, it seems to me that it is not advisable to initiate any action for the present.

2. The activities of Mr. Thimma Reddy are being watched and I have issued instructions to the Police to record verbati the speeches delivered by him at public meetings. I shall report to Government the action, if any, that might have to be taken against him when the occasion arises.

Yours sincerely,

T M Seshadri

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,

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CC *No.* 1-48/41-42 *dated* 5th Oct., ...*194* 1

SIR,

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GANDHI JAYANTHI.

I have the honour to state that under the auspice of the VI Ward Congress committee, a public meeting was held in ~~Municipal~~ Sajjan Rao Park, Visweswarpur, on the 4th instar presided over by Mr. K. Pattabhiraman, General Secretary of the Mysore congress. Messrs. Chowdappa of Prajamatha Office, K.N.R. Swamy, Municipal Councillor, and K. Pattabhiraman addressed the gathering which ranged between 20 and 40 persons. Mr. Chowdappa, in tracing the history of the Indian National congress touched upon the Minto-Morley and Montagu-Chelmsford reforms, the Simon Commission and the Round Table Conferences. References were also made to congress leade like Dadabhoy Naoroji, Balagangadhar Tilak and M.K. Gandhi. Speaking on the present importance of the Indian National congress, he stated that in its early stages it was merely in the nature of a petitioners' Association, but ~~it~~ has now been an important politica organization. Concluding, he requested the audience to appreciate the principles of Truth and Non-violence advocated by Mr. Gandhi.

Mr. K.N.R. Swamy, speaking next, requested the gathering to work out the constructive programme -

programme chalked out by Mr. Gandhi.

Mr. K. Pattabhiraman, in winding up the proceedings of the evening, stated that what the Indian National congress achieved in 56 years, the Mysore Congress achieved in 4 years. Referring to the Sivapura, Viduraswatha, Azadnagar and Vinobanagar congress conventions, he stated that of late there has been tremendous change on the attitude of Government towards congress. He attributed that this change was due to the immense mass awakening and the sacrifices of congressmen. Concluding, he hoped that the public would appreciate the stand of the Mysore congress and support the same by joining the congress.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks at about 7.50 p.m.

To-day (5-10-41) the labourers widl be observing Gandhi Jayanthi under the auspices of the II Ward congress committee. There will be a public meeting in the evening at Chik-lalabagh at which Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, V.S. Narayana Rao, D. Venkatesh and Puttashankarappa are expected to speak. Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa has been requested to preside over the meeting.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore city.

Report No. CC. 1-48/41-42 dated 6-10-1941 from the City Superintendent of Police, Bangalore to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore.

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GANDHI JAYANATHI.

I have the honour to state that under the auspices of the Bangalore Labour Union, a public meeting was held in Chik-lalbagh on the 5th instant, with Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa in the Chair. Messrs. N.C. Thimma Reddy and K.T. Bhashyam spoke at the meeting. Copies of proceedings are enclosed for kind infor-mation.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

Proceedings of the public meeting held in Chik-lalbagh on the 5th October, 1941 at 6 p.m.

GANDHI JAYANTHI.

Under the auspices of the Bangalore Labour Union, a public meeting was held in Chik-lalbagh on the 5th October 1941 at 6 p.m. with Mr.W.H. Hanumanthappa in the chair. There were light showers of rain when Mr. Bhashyam addressing the gathering, stated that owing to rain the labourers could not gather in larger numbers. He requested Mr.W.H. Hanumanthappa to take the chair and conduct the proceedings of the evening.

Mr. Hanumanthappa, occupying the chair, stated that the Day was being observed as "Labourers' Day" in connecti with Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations. He requested Mr.N.C. Thimma Reddy to address the gathering:

MR. N.C. THIMMA REDDY.

Mr. President and labourers - The president of this evening has already told you that this day is being observ as "Labourers' Day" by the labourers of Bangalore city, in connection with Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations. Mahathma Gandhi is also a labourer like you. He spins on the chark morning and evening at his leisure. Being a labourer himself, he knows the difficulties of the labourers and the problems that face them in general. If he hears that the labourers in Mysore observed his Jayanthi, he would be imm say pleased. But do not think he could be pleased by wo or praise. He expects you to follow his advice to better your conditions. To-day, the condition of Indians is depl rable. They are reduced to slavery for by the British. One man has made himself rich at the cost of 40 crores of people in India. We were already poor and have become poo by this exploitation. Mahathma Gandhi has been bringing home this fact to us. He does not expect anything more f us than that of realisation of our slavery. If all the 40 crores in India become conscious that they are slaves to a foreign Nation and work for their liberation, to-morr independence comes to their doors. If all the 73 lakhs of people in Mysore or raise a cry with one voice for responsible government, to-morrow it will come to you without any

any effort. Your salvation is in your hands. Mahathma Gandhi says only this much and nothing more. He desires you to wear Khadi and work out the constructive programme of the congress. To-day, there is a thirst for world domination. Britain and Germany are fighting with each other for the same purpose. Britain has under its control 45 crores of slaves; in China there are about 55 crores of people who are also being brought under the same influence. Altogether, there are 100 crores of people in the world who are being exploited by foreigners. The fight between Germany and England looks like the quarrel of dacoits fighting for higher and higher share of booty. (Laughter) With this international background, Mahathma Gandhi has been preaching and practising non-violence and truth and convincing us that by Ahimsa alone can we attain everlasting peace. You should have faith in his teachings and practise them. (Claps)

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam was then requested to speak:

Mr. K.T.BHASHYAM.

Although the labourers have not gathered here to-day in large numbers, yet, the very few that have gathered here have shown their enthusiasm and love for Mahathma Gandhi and his teachings. But for the rain this evening, probably we would have had a very imposing gathering. Mr. Thimma Reddy has told you already that to-day you are observing Gandhi Jayanthi. You would observe such a day best by doing acts which please Mahathma Gandhi. Gandhi advocates use of khadi and spinning. All of you must buy Charkhas which cost about Rs.2 to 4 and begin spinning at home. For a year, on an average you may spend about Rs.20/- for cloth. That amount can be saved if you begin spinning. You bring the spun yarn to us and we will have it woven into cloth. You should encourage swadeshi articles. Firstly you have to ~~xxxx~~ wear

wear Khadi and secondly you have to use only Swadeshi goods. Remember, you have to Boycott foreign goods. If swadeshi articles cannot be had, you have to practise to get on without it. Mahathma Gandhi also wishes that you should work for Harijan up-lift. Harijans in our land are being treated as outcastes. You have to look upon them not as outcastes but as your friends, as your brothren. I am sure that many of the labourers do not drink, but if there be any, I request them to give up drinking. In this way you could please Mahathma Gandhi by adopting some or all of the above programmes. Now a resolution thanking Mahathma Gandhi for his unceasing love for the poor and his untiring work for the land and thanking God for blessing him long life will be read out by the President. I hope you will all adopt it.

A resolution expressing pleasure for the work of Mahathma Gandhi to uplift the masses from ignorance and praying God to bestow on him long life was then read out by Mr. Bhashyam. The Chairman put the resolution for vote and decalred it unanimously passed.

Mr. Hanumanthappa then thanked the speakers of the evenin and stated that the labourers would act as per the advices of Mahathma Gandhi. The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks to the speakers and the Chairman by D. Venkatesh, Secretary of the Union.

The gathering numbered about 30 to 40 labourers. Light Showers of rain continued throughout the meeting. The meeting terminated at 6.20 p.m.

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Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore city.

No. 1501/CB dy 22-.

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To

The Dist. Magistrate,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No dated the 7th October 1941 forwarding copi of the speeches made by Mr. N.C. Thimma Re and others at a public meeting held xx in Chicklalbagh on ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ 5th October 19 I am desired to state that the speech of Mr. Thimma Reddy appears to verge on the s tious and to request you to kindly send f ~~the person~~ him and convey a warning to him ag making such speeches in future.

The question of taking further actio against him will have to be considered as suggested in your letter of the 31st July if he still persists in making objectiona speeches.

Yours sincerely,

Copyto 1502-3/CB dy 22-10-41

The Dist. Magistrate,
Kolar.

The I.G. of Police.

No. 150/CB. 12-41-6C

22nd October

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D. O. letter No.CCl dated the 7th October 1941 forwarding copies of the speeches made by Mr. K. V. Thimma Reddy and others at a public meeting held in Chicklalbagh on the 5th October 1941, I am desired to state that the speech of Mr. Thimma Reddy appears to verge on the seditious and to request you to kindly send for him and convey a warning to him against making such speeches in future.

The question of taking further action against him will have to be considered as suggested in your letter of the 31st July 1941, if he still persists in making objectionable speeches

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. T. Kesavaiengar,
Chief Secretary to Government.

K. Seshadri, Esqr., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

Memo No. 1502-3/CB ... dt 22-10-41.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments,
to (i) the Dist. Magistrate, Kolar Dist.
(ii) the I. G. of Police.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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24th March 2

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.C.47/ 41-42 dated 15th March 1942 enclosing a copy of the report of the proceedings of the Congress meeting held in Dodpet, Kolar on 10th March 1942, I am desired to state that the speech of Mr. N.C.Thimma Reddy is objectionable and he may be warned not to indulge in such speeches in future.

Yours sincerely,

S. Narayana Rao, Esq., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.